

Church News

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felt that they had been upon the "mount of privilege" and were better fitted for the work which they would find in the valley.

During this gathering, the writer was possessed with one question, "Why has this small village church produced more ministers of the gospel than all of the other churches of Knoxville Presbytery?" Preachers are no accidents. They are born, and made; and there are conditions that produce them. Listening to these men of God, we learned the following: 1. They came from families that dedicated their children to God in baptism. 2. They came from homes in which family prayers were held. 3. They were the children of parents that lived the Bible, and taught the catechism. 4. They were reared in a community which observed the Sabbath, and last, but not least, they were taught to respect the aged and infirm. May every church in our communion produce these conditions!

Geo. O. Bachman.

TEXAS.

Fort Worth Presbytery: Ministers and elders who expect to attend the fall meeting of Fort Worth Presbytery at Palo Pinto Tuesday, September 12th, are asked to send their names at once to Mr. J. L. Cunningham, Palo Pinto, so that provisions may be made for their entertainment. Palo Pinto is off the railroad, the nearest point being Mineral Wells. Elders should buy round trip tickets to Mineral Wells. Excursion rates to this point are on all the year. Ministers will find it advantageous to use their permits to Weatherford. Those who send in their names will be met at Mineral Wells Tuesday afternoon and conveyed by auto to Palo Pinto. The convenient train leaves Fort Worth at 4:20 P. M. Weatherford at 5:40 P. M. and reaches Mineral Wells at 6:35 P. M. Take this train for your comfort and the convenience of the church which must meet you.

The Presbytery of Brazos will meet in the First Presbyterian church, Galveston, Texas, September 26th, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Stated Clerk.

Bay City: On the return of the pastor and his wife and daughter recently from a vacation they found, on entering the manse that some person or persons had recently been in the house. Nothing had been taken, however, except the accumulated dust, and in its place, freshly oiled floors, cut flowers in every room, a refrigerator and pantry shelves stored with a variety of good things to eat for many days to come, and two kinds of welcoming notes on Mrs. Selfridge's dresser. One in the handwriting of one of the members on behalf of the members of the congregation, and the other one of the kind Uncle Sam prints on green paper of his own making. It made our homecoming most delightful indeed to have so many evidences of loving kindness on every hand. And we pray God to make us more worthy of their love and esteem, and more useful in His service.

L. E. S.

Waskom: On Wednesday after the second Sunday of July was begun a week's special services conducted by Rev. W. K. Johnston, of Marianna, Ark., a former student-pastor of this little church. It was a great pleasure to be invited back among them again for these special services. The weather was unusually warm. A sad death in one of the prominent families of the church took place during the meeting. Other things divided the in-

terest. Yet the attendance and interest was most encouraging. There were eight additions to the church, and a most enjoyable season of fellowship. This is a most faithful and prosperous little church. A good Sunday-school, live Ladies' Aid and faithful officers. This church is deeply entrenched in the confidence and affection of the people in all these parts. This is a splendid field for an active and consecrated pastor. Rev. E. M. McLaurin, who recently left them, did a splendid work. May the Lord send them a good pastor. W. K. J.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Elkins: During the month of August the churches of Elkins united in a union meeting Sunday nights, the pastors of the community taking turns in conducting the services. These meetings have been held in the city park and are largely attended.

The people of our community are making preparations to send a full representation to a meeting of Tygart's Valley Presbytery, September 5th, at Mill Creek.

Dr. Barron spent a vacation of two weeks in Canada, and in his absence his pulpit was filled for one Sabbath by the Rev. Mr. McMorris, of Ellamore, and the other by the Rev. Mr. Stoddard, of Beverly. Both of these brethren preached most acceptably to the congregation.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. W. H. White, from Cuba, to Marbury, Ala.

Rev. S. E. Crosby, from Albany, Ga., to Stockton, Ala.

Rev. H. T. Guthrie, from Crocker to Malden, Mo.

PERSONAL.

Rev. John G. Herndon, of La Grange, Ga., is spending his vacation with relatives in Ashland, Va.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE FOR NEGRO WOMEN AT STILLMAN INSTITUTE.

For three years we have tried to find some opening to assist the negro women of the communities in which we have churches and until now have failed absolutely to gain any foothold. The reason for our failure is the lack of leaders among their own people.

Believing that a Summer Conference or Training School for Negro Women will do more to meet this need than any other available plan, we expect to conduct such a conference during the coming autumn.

A Summer Conference lasting one week, September 6th-23rd, will be held at Stillman Institute, where the dormitory and equipment have been placed at our disposal.

We hope to bring to the conference negro women from Montgomery, Selma, Tuscaloosa and adjacent churches. The number from each church will be small, possibly two or three, and the course will be open to all residents of Tuscaloosa.

The course provided by the conference will include Bible teaching and talks on Christian living, Christian homes, the relationship between the home and the school, the physical care of children, home making and community service.

Of course it will be necessary to assist these women in meeting the railroad expense of coming to the conference and some practical plan of helping them must be devised.

In Montgomery, Mobile, Selma and Birmingham the ladies of our own societies have undertaken the responsibility of sending delegates from the negro churches in their towns to this conference. It is earnestly hoped that every woman's society in Alabama or the adjacent States will look up every

Have You Enlisted

In the Cause to Meet the Just Claims of the Aged and Enfeebled Ministers and the Needy Widows and Orphans of our Deceased Ministers?

If Not Why Not

Should we be satisfied until we have done our duty to these faithful men and women who have made themselves poor for the sake of Christ and our Church?

A Permanent Endowment Fund

Is being raised. The income from this invested fund will render more certain the means to provide for the certain needs of our faithful veterans. This will help fulfill the promise made these men at ordination: "You minister to us in spiritual things and we will provide for you the material things." "Even so," says the Apostle Paul, "hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel."

A Liberal Elder Will Add

Fifty cents to each dollar contributed to the Endowment Fund in 1916 until he has given \$68,000. When we meet this offer we will have an Endowment Fund of \$536,000. The Northern Methodists are raising 15 millions and the Northern Presbyterians and the Protestant Episcopalians 10 millions each for this cause.

Send your offering right now to the Treasurer.

Presbyterian Church in the United States

Department of Ministerial Relief

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A GRATEFUL HELPER

A frail young widow of a devoted pastor, left six years ago with two little boys, ages one and three years, has just written:

"I enclose receipt for \$75.00 just received. I feel so grateful to the Church for the help they give us each quarter. It means so very much to us. I make it a point to put \$5.00 into the Endowment Fund each year and I expect to teach my boys to always remember this cause so that we may be able to have a small share in the work in the years to come, and repay to some extent, what it is doing for us."

city or town to see if they cannot send some negro woman who possesses the elements of leadership in her own church and who would profit by such a week of training as this conference will afford.

The expense for all delegates will be—railroad fare and a charge of \$3.00 per week board at the dormitory. Any negro woman who can come at her own expense will also be welcomed and given the same rate of board.

While all of the teachers in the conference will give their time voluntarily, there will be some incidental expense connected with the conference, and societies which do not see their way clear to sending a delegate, may aid in the good work by sending a contribution for the incidental expenses for the conference to the offices of the Woman's Auxillary, 812 1-2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga.

The women of our colored churches have received the news of this conference with enthusiastic interest, and it is certain that every one who can reach Stillman will be present at this conference, which we believe will mean so much to the advancement of these people.

Will not every one who reads this article and is interested in the success of this conference, assist us either by sending a delegate to attend the sessions, or by sending a contribution for the program expenses, to the office of the Woman's Auxillary?

Mrs. W. C. Winsborough.

DR. M'FARLAND'S REPLY.

Your article in the issue of The Presbyterian of the South for July 19th, does not correctly interpret or apply the statement by me, to which reference is made.

In my article I was not speaking of the attitude of our government, and I

was not considering questions of state.

I referred to the moral attitude of our people and the main substance to my statement was that we had failed as a people to search our own hearts, that we had become hardened by the war, that we had not shown adequate compassion, that we had become commercialized and that therefore we were in danger of losing our moral and spiritual influence.

I did not, at any point, have in mind our political affairs of state.

Indeed, the very heart of my contention was in my assertion that "our Christian churches have lost sight of their distinctive spiritual mission."

I wish you had printed the whole article, because to present excerpts from such a statement is always apt to be misleading. The part needs to be read in the light of the whole.

I feel sure that you will be glad to accede to my request that you print this letter.

Charles S. McFarland,
General Secretary.

THE SWEDISH EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH.

This church has adopted the Moody Bible Institute as its Theological Seminary for the training of its young men for the Christian ministry. By mutual arrangement it has installed one of its own ministers as an instructor in the institute who trains its candidates in the Swedish and English languages, and in the history and polity of their Church. Other denominations are considering a similar arrangement.

WANTED.

A refined Christian home for boy nine years old, convenient to school, not over fifty miles from Richmond, Va. Address Box 615, Richmond, Va.